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# Crop Progress & Condition Report



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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 4.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, May 15, 2011**. Most of last week was warm and dry for the state. On Friday, a cold front moved through the state bringing some rain showers and cool air. Soybeans, sorghum, and cotton planting progressed well. Soil moisture was rated 5 percent very short, 18 percent short, 66 adequate, and 11 percent surplus.

Crop progress for week ending May 15, 2011

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, planted	100	99	100	100
Corn, emerged	98	96	98	98
Cotton, planted	53	19	73	61
Cotton, emerged	19	6	45	42
Hay-Cool Season, harvested	55	46	74	60
Peanuts, planted	70	36	28	41
Rice, planted	85	77	95	89
Rice, emerged	77	67	82	81
Sorghum, planted	59	47	81	76
Sorghum, emerged	47	37	73	64
Soybeans, planted	61	42	84	82
Soybeans, emerged	42	28	70	71
Watermelons, planted	93	89	96	95
Winter Wheat, heading	100	99	99	100
Winter Wheat, mature	28	19	8	10

Crop condition for week ending May 15, 2011

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Blueberries	0	0	22	64	14
Corn	9	7	21	39	24
Livestock	0	10	30	47	13
Pasture	0	5	28	54	13
Rice	0	3	28	48	21
Watermelons	0	0	24	59	17
Winter Wheat	3	10	23	44	20

## Comments

“Excellent progress was made with spring row crop farming activities from planting of cotton, soybean, and rice, to herbicide and fertilizer applications. Next to the rivers growers are dealing with backwater and seep water problems. One rice grower next to the Mississippi River flooded with seep water, while in other areas, corn growers will be irrigating corn this week.”

— Jerry Singleton, Leflore

“A few tenths of rain during the pre dawn hours of Friday should have help recent crop plantings where adequate moisture for seed to germinate was absent.”

— Strider McCroy, Sunflower

“Many acres of crops are being lost in the Delta areas I serve; but Hill area crops are making good progress.”

— Ernest Flint, Attala

“This past week of dry weather allowed many cattlemen to put up some well-cured ryegrass hay for a change. Cooler temperatures have slowed the growth of many perennial forages and gardens.”

— Houston Therrell, Rankin

“Growers had a good week of planting all crops and spraying what was up. We need some warmer weather. Flood water is falling, but it is falling very slow.”

— Don Respons, Quitman

“Cotton planters rolled hard for six days, until rain stopped us Friday morning. Most producers finished, but a couple of the larger ones still need three to four days to finish.”

— Stephen Winters, Grenada

“Side dress fertilizer is going out on corn. Soybeans are almost all planted, and cotton is being planted.”

— Jimbo Burkhalter, Tallahatchie

“Flooded crop fields should be replanted this week. Tate County received another good rain Friday, so fields were under water again.”

— Shelli Benton, Tate

“Planting proceeded nice through Thursday, but rain Friday put a halt to field work. Crops that have emerged look good. Fast rains may cause some flooding in fields.”

— Pamela Redwine, Yalobusha

“Crops, as a whole, look good. We are planting cotton and preparing to harvest wheat, despite the threat of flooding. Newly planted crops could use a slow, easy inch of rain.”

— Robert Martin, Issaquena & Sharkey

“Crops in the county are progressing very well.”

— Lester Stephens, Washington

“At this time, most of the roads are closed in the flood area. This is not a good sign for the crops in that area.”

— Phillip Vandevere, Yazoo

“Chickasaw is still recovering from tornado damage. Cattle producers are patching fences and assessing damages. Most of our row crop land was spared from the damage.”

— Scott Cagle, Chickasaw

“Planters have been in the fields planting soybeans and cotton the previous week trying to beat the predicted rains. The bulk of liquid nitrogen has been applied over the last several weeks on the corn crop.”

— Reid Nevins, Clay

“The Mississippi River continues to rise, causing flooding in the western portion of the county. Wheat crop is a complete loss and it is questionable as to whether soybeans will be planted.”

— Ann H. Davis Wilkinson

“Cool season hay baling should finish this week. Commercial vegetable producers are now harvesting squash and cucumbers. Early watermelons are setting fruit. Disease pressure is low for the tomato crop at this time.”

— Tommy Bishop, Jasper

Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending May 15, 2011

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation			
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks
<b>Upper Delta</b>									
Clarksdale	89	54	73	70	3	0.54	-0.58	1	9.45
Cleveland	91	52	76	71	5	0.10	-1.16	1	4.04
Lambert 1W	92	55	75			0.31	-1.02	1	7.23
Extreme/Average	92	52	75	70	5	0.32	-0.94	1	6.91
<b>North-Central</b>									
Calhoun City	89	54	72	68	4	1.16	-0.10	1	7.84
Hickory Flat	88	47	70	67	3	2.06	0.80	3	10.98
Holly Springs	89	45	71	66	5	1.85	0.59	2	13.10
Independence	87	54	72	67	5	1.41	0.16	2	14.04
Oxford	90	57	75	67	8	2.09	0.77	2	12.03
Extreme/Average	90	45	72	68	4	1.71	0.45	2	11.60
<b>Northeast</b>									
Booneville	88	52	70	67	3	2.25	0.78	1	10.04
Corinth 7SW	91	53	72	69	3	1.60	0.27	1	13.74
Pontotoc Exp	89	51	72	69	3	2.20	1.01	1	10.22
Tupelo 2	90	53	72			1.15		2	9.63
Verona	90	54	73	69	4	1.25	0.16	1	10.39
Extreme/Average	91	51	72	68	4	1.69	0.35	1	10.80
<b>Lower Delta</b>									
Belzoni	88	49	74	71	3	0.00	-1.47	0	3.19
Greenville	89	53	75	71	4	0.50	-0.71	1	1.56
Moorhead	89	51	74	71	3	0.01	-1.22	1	4.68
Stoneville Exp	91	49	74	72	2	0.15	-1.07	1	5.09
Extreme/Average	91	49	74	71	3	0.17	-1.14	1	4.32
<b>Central</b>									
Canton 4N	91	48	73	71	2	0.00	-1.36	0	5.00
Eupora 2E	90	54	74	68	6	1.00	-0.19	1	2.18
Forest 3S	88	50	71	70	1	0.49	-0.63	1	6.88
Kosciusko	90	62	78	69	9	0.00	-1.27	0	4.73
Winona 5E	86	52	72	66	6	0.96	-0.22	1	6.16
Extreme/Average	91	48	74	69	5	0.49	-0.74	1	5.69
<b>East-Central</b>									
Aberdeen	90	53	74	68	6	0.55	-0.71	2	5.58
Columbus	91	47	71	70	1	0.55	-0.38	1	7.34
Macon	89	51	71	69	2	1.08	0.06	1	9.75
State University	90	51	74	69	5	0.12	-1.01	1	6.52
Extreme/Average	91	47	73	69	4	0.58	-0.61	1	6.48
<b>Southwest</b>									
Brookhaven City	89	46	73	70	3	0.01	-1.28	1	2.36
Crystal Springs	90	46	74	71	3	0.12	-0.96	1	3.90
Natchez	88	50	75	72	3	0.00	-1.26	0	2.44
Vicksburg City	87	54	75			0.00		0	2.75
Woodville 4ESE	90	49	74	72	2	0.04	-1.29	1	1.27
Extreme/Average	90	46	74	71	3	0.03	-1.23	1	2.59
<b>South-Central</b>									
Collins	89	51	72	70	2	0.50	-0.88	1	1.80
Columbia	92	51	76	72	4	0.05	-1.21	1	0.70
Monticello	94	58	77	71	6	0.00	-1.40	0	1.17
Raleigh 6N	88	47	72			0.00	0.00	0	3.51
Extreme/Average	94	47	74	71	3	0.14	-1.17	1	1.80
<b>Southeast</b>									
Hattiesburg	91	58	75	72	3	0.79	-0.45	1	1.48
Laurel	90	53	72	71	1	0.40	-0.85	2	1.59
Waynesboro 2W	91	59	74	70	4	0.35	-0.80	1	2.01
Extreme/Average	91	53	74	71	3	0.51	-0.62	1	1.69
<b>State</b>	94	45	73	70	3	0.59	-0.65	1	5.42

DFN = Departure from Normal